Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether the Proverthikars are competent to resort to distraint of movables without the written consent of the Tahsildars or other revenue authorities ?

Mr. K. George : They do with the consent of the superior authorities.

Yield per acre of paddy lands in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

58. * **Mr. V. S. Arumukahm Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average yield per acre of wet land in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram during the Kumbham crop of 1111 ;

(*b*) the average tax including water cess per acre of wet land in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram ; and

(*c*) the maximum price of paddy in terms of Nanjinad *kotta* during 1111 ?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) Nearly 6½ *kottas* of paddy in the Tovala taluk and 10 *kottas* in the Agastisvaram taluk :

(*b*) Rs 14—19 - 0 per annum in the Tovala taluk and about Rs. 20—0—0 in the Agastisvaram taluk ;

(*c*) Rs. 5 in the Tovala taluk and about Rs. 5½ in the Agastisvaram taluk.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know how these figures are collected ?

Mr. K. George: They are collected by the Peishkar.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know, Sir, whether any local inspection was made?

Mr. K. George: He must have got information by making enquiries.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: My question was whether any local inspection was made by the Peishkar or by the Tahsildar concerned ?

Mr. K. George: I am unable to say.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know, Sir, whether such a rate is obtained anywhere else either in this State or outside ?

Mr. K. George: It is the average tax. The average is high, Sir. Whether it obtains anywhere else I cannot say.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know for how many days paddy was selling at Rs. 5 and Rs. 5½?

Mr. K. George: That information I cannot give. At the time the question was answered this was the ruling price.

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